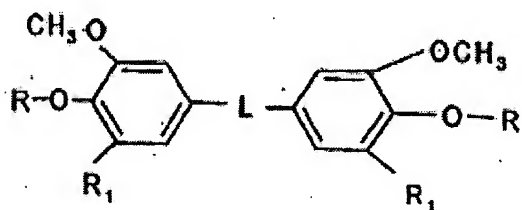


**IN THE CLAIMS:**

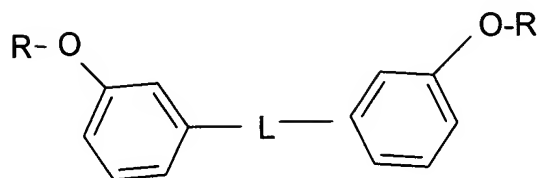
Please rewrite claims 5-9, 11 and 12, as shown below in the detailed listing of all claims which are, or were, in this application:

1. (Original) An inclusion complex of a lignan or lignan ester with a cyclodextrin, wherein the lignan or lignan ester is a compound of formula (I)



(I)

or formula (II)



(II)

wherein L is a lignan skeleton, which optionally includes a bridge forming a ring with one of the phenyl groups in the formulae; R<sub>1</sub> is H or methoxy,

and R is H, methyl, R'-CO- or R'-SO<sub>2</sub>-, wherein

R' is a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>22</sub> alkyl, alkenyl, arylalkyl, aralkenyl, or an aromatic group, and R' is unsubstituted or substituted with one or more hydroxy groups and/or one or more carboxyl groups, an oxo group or an amino group, or a geometric isomer or a stereoisomer thereof, provided that R is methyl only in a single R-O-substituent in a compound of formula (I) where L is a skeleton of the lignan arctigenin.

2. (Original) The complex according to claim 1 wherein the cyclodextrin is  $\alpha$ -cyclodextrin,  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin,  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin or a derivative thereof.

3. (Original) The complex according to claim 2 wherein the cyclodextrin is natural cyclodextrin.

4. (Original) The complex according to claim 2 wherein the cyclodextrin is  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin or hydroxypropyl- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin.

5. (Currently amended) The complex according to ~~any of the claims 1-4~~ claim 1, wherein L in compound (I) is a lignan skeleton of any of the lignans selected from the group consisting of hydroxymatairesinol, matairesinol, lariciresinol, secoisolariciresinol, isolariciresinol, oxomatairesinol, alpha-conidendrin, pinoresinol, liovil, picearesinol, arctigenin, syringaresinol ~~or~~ and nortrachelogenin.

6. (Currently amended) The complex according to ~~any of the claims 1-4~~ claim 1, wherein L in compound (II) is a lignan skeleton of enterolactone or enterodiol.

7. (Currently amended) The complex according to ~~any of the claims 1-4~~ claim 1, wherein both of the groups R-O- in the compound (I) or (II) are hydroxy groups.

8. (Currently amended) The complex according to ~~any of the claims 1-4~~ claim 1, wherein both of the groups R-O- in the compound (I) or (II) are ester groups, where R is R'-CO or R'-SO<sub>2</sub> and R' is ~~as defined in claim 1~~ a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>22</sub> alkyl, alkenyl, arylalkyl, aralkenyl, or an aromatic group, and R' is unsubstituted or substituted with

one or more hydroxy groups and/or one or more carboxyl groups, an oxo group or an amino group, or a geometric isomer or a stereoisomer thereof.

9. (Currently amended) A food product comprising a complex according to ~~any of the claims 1-8~~ claim 1 and a foodstuff.

10. (Original) The food product according to claim 9, which is a functional food, a nutritional supplement, a nutrient, a pharmafood, a nutraceutical, a clinical nutrition product, a health food or a designer food.

11. (Currently amended) A dietary supplement composition comprising a complex according to ~~any of the claims 1-8~~ claim 1 and an acceptable carrier.

12. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a complex according to ~~any of the claims 1-8~~ claim 1 and an acceptable carrier.